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The establishment of a great watch factory at Osaka, Japan, is another indication of the progressiveness of that country.

The United States army, by the discharge of Indian soldiers, loses the valuable services of Sergeant Cold Wind, Wagoner Jimmie Ears, Privates Bull Dog, On-the-Edge, On-Top-of-the-Tepee, Runs-in-Among-Them, Stone Bull and Two-White-Men.

It has long been pointed out by ex perts that French newspapers and books will, owing to the inferior quality of the paper on which they are printed, literally turn to dust in much less than a century, so that public libraries bid fair to become literary cemeteries. This is the reason why the budget committee proposes to have 100 copies of the Journal Official printed daily on what is called Dutch paper, to insure preservation.

The Prix de Rome, once the object of the ambition of every art student in Paris, has declined so much in value that it is proposed to abolish it. It carries with it the traveling scholarships in Italy, and the plea of those who attack it is that a student pos sessing it wastes his talent in slavish imitation of the Italian masters, rather than developing it by the interpretation of nature. The sculptor Rodin, the leader of the antagonists, main tains that this prize has only retarded the progress of the great men who have obtained it in the past.

At a meeting of representative negroes in Columbia, South Carolina last Friday an address to the white people of the State was adopted, protesting against the disfranchisement of the negro by the imposition of a three dollar poll tax at the coming constitutional convention, and calling upon against such a scheme to deprive the negro of the ballot. The address says. among other things: "The politician says the negro is a dangerous quantity in politics, and if let alone will control the State. We, the representatives of the colored people in South Carolina, wish here and now to inform the white people that we, as a race, do not wish to control the State."

It is estimated by Mr. Mulhall in a recent article in the Contemporary Review that the shipping of all nations is of the approximate value of \$1,100,000,000 while the 110,000 locomotives at work represent a value of \$1,000,000,000. The railways give employment to 2,394,000 people, while shipping employs only 705,000. The life of a locomotive is fifteen years. It will run 270,000 miles, carry 600,000 tons, or 1,000,000 passengers. and earn \$300,000 Its first cost is \$10,000 and its general average is 300 horse power. The average life of a ship and its earning capacity, compared with its cost, is not given, and is perhaps not yet computed, but it is not likely to equal or approach that of the locomotive, which may fairly rank as the most potent instrument of civilization ever devised by man,

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature providing that the president of any regularly organized board of trade or chamber of commerce or any ten citizens of any place wher there is trouble between a railroad and its employes, shall have power to cause the trouble to be considered and settled by the Circuit court of the county. The employes of the road may likewise submit the question to the court: If a company shall refuse to carry out the terms of the decree, and the stoppage of trains results, the company shall be liable to all persons infured for three times the amount of the damage suffered. The men are at liberty to quit work any time when the decree is not satisfactory as to the amount of wages to be paid, but under penalties must not prevent others from engaging in the running of trains.

The president of the Maine State Board of Trade, Mr. Henry W. Lord, said some peculiar things to the convention of Board of Trade delegates in Boston last week. Speaking of the Indiana, the auditor of Marion county, obstacles to commercial and business and an ex-mayor of Indianapolis. Oth-

out what he considered the three most prominent ones. They were, not an absence of sufficiently high protective tariffs, nor of cheap coal or good railroad facilities, of which many of the delegates had more or less to say; but, first, labor troubles, second the influence of lobbying interests, and third among business men, who were seeking to occupy high positions, "Those alone who rise to eminence on a moral foundation," said he, "should receive honorable recognition."

The Washington Post says: William Randall Cremer, member of parliament. who has been at the capitol in the interest of his measure to settle all disputer between Great Britain and the United States by arbitration, has been a frequent visitor on the floors of both house and senate. This is a courtesy not extended under the rules of congress, but simply by general consent, and as an act of courtesy forms a striking contrast to the practice of the English parlia ment to the floor of which members of the American congress are not admitted either under the operation of a rule or the stress of amity. An American member of congress is lucky when in Londor if he secures a sent in what is known as the "gallery of distinguished visitors." The American ambassador has placed at his disposal two seats a day, which owing to the presence of numerous Americans in London at all times, com pels him to exercise all the diplomacy of his nature to divide so as to satisfy at least partially the demand of his visitors. When Representative Caruth was in London, some years ago, the American minister had no alternative in order to place him where he could witness the doings on the floor of the house of commons, but to write a special to the speaker for seats, which was answered with a card admitting the American representative to the Speaker's private box.

AT LAST!

At last the people of this State, or at least some of the people of this State, are really moving against the big theater hat. Long have they sat behind it in exasperated or profane slience, and long and fervently have they verbally "cussed" it in public and private. Now Representative Eaton has, "by request," introduced a bill designed to promote good temper and decrease both spoken and unspoken profanity by abolishing the nulsance. It is cause for hearty gratitude that the request was made and that Representative Eaton granted it. Both he and the one or ones who made the request have done the State a service. And if the legisla ture will make the sensible and reasonable bill a law it cannot be accused of having done nothing even if it sits and talks until the Fourth of July.

The bill provides that it shall be the duty of those who own and manage places where the big theater hat may come to insure each visitor an unobstructed view of the entertainment that may be going on there. And it further provides that any person entitled to a negro voters to support only delegates seat and occupying the same at a public who will pledge themselves to work entertainment or performance, and tertainment or performance obstructed by any cause within the control of the proprietor of such place, may recove from the proprietor or manager of such place the price of such seat, unless the obstruction interfering with the proper and unimpaired enjoyment and view of such entertainment or performance shall be immediately removed upon demand, made to such proprietor or manager or subordinate.

> If this bill becomes a law, as it cer tainly ought to, the big theater hat can be successfully dealt with in this State. Of course if, when it is a law women disregard it, it will take a little sand to complain of them, but we be lieve there are many people ready to complain and do their part toward elevating the moral tone of theater goers. Perhaps there would be no need of complaint. Perhaps lovely Woman would be considerate enough of the managers of theaters to avoid giving cause for complaint. She has given enough, and could well afford to take a

Representative Enton has introduced the bill "by request." We, speaking for thousands, hereby request him to push it along, it being plainly a good thing.

"EXPENSE FUNDS,"

The "national" building and loan as sociations are being sharply looked after in some of the States. There was an interesting hearing last week before the house committee on corporations of the Indiana legislature on the subject of the "expense funds" of the "national" building and loan associations. One of the speakers declared that the expense fund was "a thief in the night" which stole away the people's savings without their knowing it. Another speaker urged that the business should be so stransacted that there should be no mystery about It, and that no "fund" should be created for paying expenses that was not thoroughly understood by the shareholders. He instanced one association with an expense fund of \$13,-395 and membership fees of nearly \$12,-000. This association is called the Government association, and it advertises among its directors the governor, tax commissioner, and adjutant general of

in various countles in the State which did business without expense funds incurred expenses amounting to only a fraction over 2 per cent, of their business. Another witness in his remarks said: "The idea has gone abroad that great banking concerns can be organized under this building association and last the laxity of moral obligations law. I was called upon by a stockholder in one of these to sue to get his money back. In that association the directors each paid themselves \$105 a month and credited it on their stock. In seven years they would have had \$84,000 cash without having pald a cent. We peoole of Indianapolis don't chip into these nstitutions. They go out and milk the whole State. I don't think you ought to consult the men who are fleecing the State and their shareholders in the way these men are doing. Not a week pass es but some poor washerwoman comes o me to ask what this by-law of 'onetenth of one per cent.' means. Building associations were organized for the benefit of neighborhoods, and those who organized them worked for comparatively nothing." The representative of the Government association above referred to tried to defend the expense fund on the ground that their agents cost them a great deal of money. On cross-examination he admitted that they used to do,"-Texas Siftings. with expenses of over \$13,000 last year they could not pay these out of the

> It is well to have these matters ingood thing for many thousands of the people of this country if "endowment insurance" schemes had been in- Exchange. vestigated long before they were.

> > PASHION NOTES.

Pointers on Sleeves.

On the elbow sleeves of the gown displayed herewith a rich applique of velvet shows, and the same ornamentation appears on the hem of the skirt and the bodice. This is quite in accord with current rulings, but there is a re cent liking for sleeves that are rich with gold, spangles and needlework, such elaboration appearing either not at all in the rest of the garment, or only in narrow lines along the heading of frills or fur finish. Bluet cloth is the chief fabric of this costume, its skirt is stiffened throughout and its bodice has a deep yoke outlined with fur and divi-ded in the middle by a white chiffon front. Belt and collar are of folded vel

Like elbow sleeves are in high favor out a new notion has sleeves made very ong at the wrist, with a point on the little finger side of the hand that reaches to the knuckles. These are becom ing to the usual hand, especially if made to fit closely at the wrist,



Among all the furs now on the martet, perhaps the most serviceable as well as one of the least common is what is called wool seal. It is probably called that because it is neither wool or seal. It is a rich brown, the hairs are a little longer than seal and are wiry and glossy. It stands rain and any weather, and if kept well rubbed own will last forever. The danger is that it may get dull and tousled from rubbing the wrong way. It is not ar xpensive fur, but makes up very handsomely with fine persian lamb, astra-

Some double capes are made with the upper cape cut in two suddenly extended points in front that reach to the edge of the lower cape. This may give variety, but it adds neither to the grace nor the warmth of the garment. It only shows how hard pressed cape designers FLORETTE. tre for new models.

DOLEFUL.

Summerbreeze says marriage is neans of grace because it led him to reentance.—Texas Siftings, An Exception.-He-I owe everything

my wife. She-Everything? He-Well, everything except what I owe my reditors.-Brooklyn Life.

Hairdresser-Madam, what color do u wish your hair? Miss Oldgirl-Oh, I am not particular-any color, so you keep it dark."-Smith & Gray's Month-

It was at the club. Walter (at 11 P. M.)-There is a lady outside who says her husband promised to be home early to-night. All (rising)-Excuse me moment.-Chips. A Proposal.-He-You are the star of

the assembly. She-You are the first to discover that! He-Then grant me a discoverer's privilege of giving you my name!-Filegende Blatter, Harry-Do you believe in the old su perstition that May is an unlucky nonth for marriages? Uncle Dick

Yes, decidedly: but why do you speak

any more than any other month?-Boston Transcript. "Can I sell you some stock in the Wild Western Mining company?" have just invested in a Kentucky com-"Think it safe?" "Certainty. There's no danger of the stock being

watered."-Atlanta Journal. Lover-You are getting prettler every day. Sweet Girl-Just now I am living on brown bread and water to improve "How long can my complexion. progress in New England, he pointed er witnesses testified that associations keep that up?" "Oh, indefinitely."

Blinks-Oh, yes; she carries herself like an empress and bosses me around all she likes now; but wait until we are married, and then see how she'll fawn and cringe, Winks-To you? Blinks -No, to the servant girl.-New York

Little Johnny-Mamma says Mrs. Highmind is a very superior woman. What does that mean? Little Ethel—I don't know exactly, but Mrs. High-mind has traveled a great deal, and maybe she can read a railroad timetable all by herself.-Good News, Pete Amsterdam-The churches after

are not as bad as many think them to be. Murray Hill-How did you find that out? "I read the other day that not more than half the members of congress are connected with the churches,"—Texas Siftings, Boxall-Well, how's your scheme for

co-operative colony coming on? Kimball-Oh, we've disbanded-couldn't agree. Boxall-But I thought you were all so enthusiastic? Kimbail-So we were till we came to plan out the work. Then we found that everybody wanted to edit the community paper.-Puck.

"Why, my dear, what's the matter? kindly asked a lady to her friend. I feel I'm beginning to look quite old, was the mournful reply. "Nonsense what ever put such an idea into you head?" "Because," was the reply, "I notice that whenever I cross Broadway the policemen never take my arm as

Browning-Say, Gibbons, I believe you really do regret the death of your uncle. Gibbons (his uncle's helr)-Re gret it! Well, I should say I did. His untimely death just cost me a quired into early. It would have been hundred thousand, Browning-Phew Gibbons-Yes; if he hadn't been killed he might have lived ten years yet, and ne was saving ten thousand a year.-

> COLLECTING THE INCOME TAX. Final Instructions Sent Out by the Com-

missioner of Internal Revenue. Washington, Feb. 5.-The last steps n the legal process of collecting the income tax were taken by the treasury department yesterday, when these instructions were sent to revenue officers; Treasury Department,

Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Washington, D. C., Feb. 4, 1895.

To Collectors of Internal Revenu An allowance has been made by th phorable secretary of the treasury to enable you to employ additional force for the collection of the revenue, made ecessary by the provision of a tax on ncomes. You will proceed immediate with the distribution of forms Nos. 65 and 266, and with the collection of lata and the preparation of record ecessary to the efficient enforcemen of said law. In view of the short time emaining in which returns can be madof thout incurring penalties, it is deem d proper to urge a prompt and diligent f the law and regulations relative to his tax.

While it is important, as an aid to taxpayers in complying with the law relative to returns of income, that you should distribute blank forms Nos. 365 and 366 to all persons, corporations, mpanies and associations in your district liable to make such returns, as far as you can learn the names and locations of the same, your attention is called to the fact that the failure of such persons, corporations or companies to receive such blank forms, or to receive any notice relative thereto, cannot be deemed a valid excuse for not rendering the return required by law and will not prevent or reduce the pen alties imposed for failure or neglect to make proper returns, and in all inform ation given to the press or the public ou should emphasize this fact

You will avail yourself of the services of the additional force herein referred to and of your regular force to canvass your district for the names and locations of all persons, corporations, companies and associations liable to make return of income, and from the information thus gained you will prepare an alphabetical list thereof, noting those to whom blanks forms are forwarded and keeping an accurate record of all returns received, the date of receipt amounts and all other necessary data pertaining thereto. You may use what is known as Record No. 10, making requisition for the same if necessary, ex dusively for the list and facts abov indicated. In this connection your at tention is called to section 3,167 of the revised statutes as amended by the acproviding an income tax, prescribing penalties for making known any fac appearing in any income return or any cord relating thereto. In compliance with said section, you will preserve at returns and every record and fact per taining thereto carefully from public inspection, guarding all sources of information relative to the same, and en join upon all deputies, clerks and other persons in your office the absolute quirement of strict compliance with the law in this connection

JOSEPH S. MILLER, Commissioner. PROFIT IN RAISING BEAFERS.

A Unique Budhstry in an Out-of-the-Way Corner of Tennessee.

[Fr. m the Chicago Record.] One of the chief industries of Lake

county, Tenn., is beaver farming. Th county is cut up by numerous little creeks, and the western corner is touch ed by the Mississippi river. Reelfoot lake is also within its borders. The county has but one town of any size It is the seat of government, called Tip tonville. The banks of these streams are fringed with cottonwoods and species of elm that has a warped and stunted growth. These small streams and the trees that grow along their banks are valuable features of the beav

While other farmers are crying ruin and deploring low prices, the beaver farmers enjoy themselvs rolling up bank accounts that are in no way threatened by dry seasons, hallstorms or a demoralized market. There is always a demand for beaver fur, and for the good article the price is always sat isfactory and unvarying. With \$500 in his pocket a man may establish a beaver farm which will yield him from \$1,000 to \$4,000 in three years, if successful. He first purchases from ten to fifteen acres of land through which runs a stream At a point where the stream is narrow and the banks steep a dam is built

water is held back, so that two or three pond, wire netting from two to three rees that can possibly be taken in. Now and then, however, a farmer loses

some of his colony, which escape up or down the stream by burrowing under the fences, but he has the chance of getting some of his neighbors animals' and he makes no complaint. A colony of twelve females and four

nales is sufficiently large to start with, The animals are purchased in the Saskatchewan valley in Manitoba, where hey are trapped. A colony of sixteen osts \$160. They are placed in the ponds n the spring when the water is high; and all the farmer has to do is keep his dam and fences up and prevent hunters from killing the animals. The armer experiences but little trouble with the poachers, for it is generally understood that a man caught in the act of beaver hunting on land that doesn't belong to him is to get a bullet in his skin rather than a trial by jury.

It takes the animals but a short time o become accustomed to their new suroundings. In a few days they begin building the huts of mud and sticks. They work vigorously on the trees and some of the smallest ones are gnawed off. The first year the farmer receives o income. The animals propagate rapidly,, and by fall in the second year the colony has greatly increased in

numbers.

The first two years on a beaver farm a tedlous existence. The farmer di vides his time between caring for his olony and hunting. Upon the latter he depends principally for his food. But little money is spent in the construction of dwellings. First an excavation five r six feet deep is made in the ground, and around this stakes are driven close y together. When fixed in the ground hey stand about six feet high. Two tall, strong posts are set in the center at each end, and running from one t the other is a ridge pole. Long poles are slanted from this over the ends of the surrounding stakes, projecting se eral inches. On the roof thus made cakes of sod are laid, dirt is then thrown over it, and the whole is cover with sod. Around the outside dir is heaped until the ends of the root coles are covered. The whole, from a listance, looks like a tent-shaped upheaval of the ground. The entrance is a square opening in one end. Although there is nothing attractive about the

architecture of this abode, it is a very comfortable dwelling, and protects the cupant against the winter freezings perfectly. Bear skins and deer pelts scattered over the floor and pieces of rough furniture covered in the same way, add to the comforts of the place. The best of feeling usually exists be tween the residents of this out-of-the way corner, and the long winter eve-

nings are passed in playing a moderate game of seven-up or draw poker. The farmers are, for the most part, men whose lives have been passed on the western hunting grounds. hardy, slow going men, who take kindly to the hermit life they live, but when the time comes for selling the product of their farms they go down to Catro o Memphis and engage in a couple of weeks of high flying that makes the good citizens tremble and the saloon keepers richer. They spend their mon ey like water, and, not infrequently, go back to their farms with empty pockets Notwithstanding their rough ways, they are good hearted, and they extend

the warmest hospitality to visitors. The slaughtering season begins in Deember and lasts through January. If there are several farms on one stream the farmer whose corral is nearest the mouth of the stream kills first. When he has finished, the next above him The work begins by drawing off the ponds by means of floodgates that are covered with wire netting to prevent he animals from passing through When the mud houses of the beavers are exposed the farmer goes from one o the other and taps on them with a

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"Then let's get married."-New York This is done by felling a few trees club. The noise frightens the animals across the bed of the arream and filling out. From the formation of their legs in with dirt or stones. In this way the they are naturally slow runners. They are knock-kneed and their hind legs ar acres of land are flooded. Along the wide apart. When they leave the huts banks of the stream and around the they are despatched with clubs. It requires but a short time to kill them. foot high is placed, enclosing all the When the colony is planted the animals are branded, and at butchering time these are preserved for breeding purposes. It is said of the beaver that it lives, active and vigorous, to the age of

fifty years. soon as the killing is done the gates are closed and the farm is flooded again. The pelts are taken off the dead eavers and stretched over forms made of bent elm strips. The fur side is or the inside. Saltpetre is rubbed into the flesh side of the skin and it is exposed to the atmosphere for two weeks; then the pelts are packed in bales and taken

to market. The pelts are classed according to their size and the length of the fur-The poorest brings \$15, and from that figure the prices ranges to \$25. The fur is used in the manufacture of coats, hats and garments for women. A good deal of it is shipped to China, where it is made into expensive shoes for aris-

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